

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of the noted rejections, and an indication of allowable subject matter.

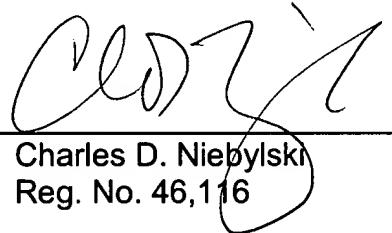
If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would help resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 408-4128.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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